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TO #6: Please advise other addressees names
        of attendees.

FYI: Letter was received in ER 1727 1March85

3/5/85: Advised DDA
should be Bill
Donnelley   Executive Secretary
(Marsha Buckee)   1 March 1985
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+ ICS to advise who their rep will be.

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NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY

FORT GEORGE G. MEADE, MARYLAND 20755

February 20, 1985

Mr. John N. McMahon
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. McMahon:

On September 17, 1984, the President signed the National
Security Decision Directive 145, National Policy on
Telecommunications and Automated Information System Security
(NSDD 145). The directive establishes the Director of the
National Security Agency as the National Manager for
Telecommunications and Automated Information Systems Security
for the Federal Government.

In support of the National Manager, the Computer Security
Center has been tasked to sponsor and conduct forums for the
purpose of security education and awarenesss related to the
directive. As part of that education program, the Computer
Security Center in conjunction with the Institute For Defense
Analyses will host a one day symposium of information briefings
on the NSDD 145 and on how the National Manager plans to
implement it. The briefing will be held on March 15, 1985 at
IDA's Alexandria, Virginia facility.

By way of background, this directive provides initial
objectives, policies, and an organizational structure to guide
the conduct of national activities directed toward safeguarding
systems which process or communicate sensitive information from
hostile exploitation; establishes a mechanism for policy
development; and assigns responsibilities for implementation.
The directive is intended to assure full participation and
cooperation among the various existing centers of technical
expertise throughout the Executive Branch, to promote a coherent
and coordinated defense against the hostile intelligence threat
to these systems, and to foster an appropriate partnership
between government and the private sector in attaining these
goals.

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Topics to be covered during the briefing include:

- Computer security responsibilities of individual
  agencies and departments under the directive

- NSDD 145 framework and objectives

- Role of the National Security Agency and the
  Computer Security Center as detailed by NSDD 145

- Directive implementation strategy and schedule.

In addition, this briefing is intended to generate feedback
from organizations as to the proposed implementation plan as
well as answer any questions that your organization may have
concerning the directive. Following the symposium, participants
will be invited to submit letters or white papers offering
suggestions for improving the National Manager's plan to
implement the NSDD 145.

Because your department or agency will be affected by the
new directive, it is important that you or a representative of
your organization attend this symposium. Those departments or
agencies desiring representation at the symposium are requested
to forward names and credentials by 1 March 1985 to the NSDD
Symposium for Government, DOD Computer Security Center, 9800
Savage Road, Ft. Meade, MD, 20755-6000. Attendance may be
limited to two persons per department/agency. A white paper
outlining computer security concepts and the NSDD 145
implementation plan will be provided to responding
organizations.

Sincerely,
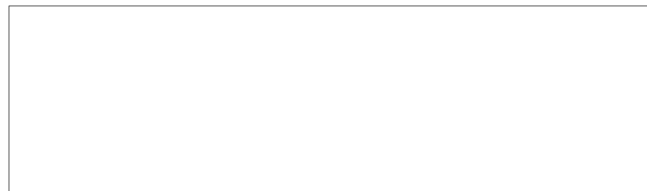
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Deputy Assistant Director
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Computer Security